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SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE

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1. PROPOSAL REFTEL SOUNDS FEASIBLE HERE. IT COULD BE WORKED INTO PERIOD DURING BILATERLS, I.E., 9:50 A.M. 12:30 P.M. APRIL 1. THE COFFEE/TEA COULD OCCUR ON THE GROUNDS OF VERY ATTRACTIVE NATIONAL MUSEUM LOCATED ONLY 500 YARDS (AND 3 MINUTE DRIVE) FROM STATE HOUSE. MRS. CARTER AND PARTY COULD DRIVE THERE AT SAME TIME OR SHORTLY AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE FOR DODAN BARRACKS, SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS DESIRED UP TO 12:30, WHEN SHE COULD TRAVEL TO TAFAWA BALEWA SQUARE, WHICH IS ALSO ANOTHER HALF-MILE AND 3 MINUTE DRIVE AWAY. FOLLOWING TAFAWA BALEWA CEREMONY. SHE COULD RETURN WITH PRESIDENT TO STATE HOUSE TO COMPLETE CIRCLE IN ANOTHER SHORT DRIVE.

2. PROGRAM AT NATIONAL MUSEUM COULD INCLUDE 6-10 PROMI-NENT NIGERIAN WOMEN AT COFFEE/TEA FROM, SAY, 10 UNTIL 12, FOLLOWED BY SHORT TOUR OF MUSEUM ITSELF, WHICH OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE 2000-YEAR CULTURAL HISTORY OF NIGERIAN EXHIBIT CALLED '2000 YEARS OF NIGERIAN ACRT' IS CURRENT MAJOR FEATURE OF MUSEUM.
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3. AMONG PERSONALITIES TO BE INVITED TO SUCH A COFFEE COULD BE DR. SIMI JOHNSON, DENTAL SURGEON, LEADING PERSONALITY IN NIGERIAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, ALSO ACTIVE IN 'MOTHERLESS BABIES' HOME; MRS. ADE AJAYI, WIFE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS AND LEADER OF LAGOS

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UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: MRS. ADEOLA ADEGBITE, RETIRED PRINCIPAL OF BAPTIST GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL. EDUCATIONAL COUNSELOR AT USIS CULTURAL CENTER, AND WIFE OF PROMINENT EDUCATOR WHO HAS BEEN SERVING AS ANTI-CORRUPTION CHIEF FOR PAST YEAR; DR. GRACE WILLIAMS, CHICAGO UNIVERSITY-EDUCATED PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION; MRS. T.O.A. SODEINDE, LEADING PHILANTHROPIST IN EDUCATION AND A WIDE VARIETY OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SOCIETIES; MRS. G.M.U. ADEYEMO, SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP BOARD, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO NIGERIAN STUDENTS IN THE U.S.; MRS. ADEOYE, CHIEF NURSING OFFICER,

OF ISLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ACTIVE IN URBAN LOCAL MEDICAL CAREV AND MRS. ADUKE ALAKIJA, FORMER WORLD PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS. OTHER DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITIES COULD BE IDENTIFIED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NIGERIANS.

4. WE FEEL THIS OPTION, IF DESIRED, SHOULD BE PURSUED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH NIGERIANS SO THEY CAN BE FULLY INVOLVED IN COMPILING GUEST LIST AND FINAL PROGRAM PLANNING.
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